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On the following separate page is a clean version of the two claim changes, No. 1, amended and No. 7, new.

Respectfully submitted,

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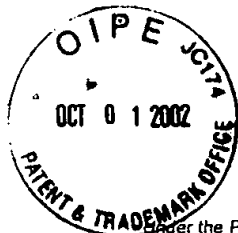
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Claim 1. An ullage meter for a container of compressed gas using a color-changing coating on said container outer wall, said coating being formed in distinct areas, each area sensitive to a particular color-changing temperature while said particular temperature prevails, each area having a number imprinted within it, said number being made visible by said color changing, comprising ,  
said number defining the future ullage in said container once it shall have cooled to a particular temperature.

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Claim 7 An ullage meter for a container of freshly compressed gas comprising,  
an indicating meter sensitive to the temperature of said compressed gas, said meter having means to indicate the future ullage in said container once it has equilibrated to a selected temperature.



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